Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—When something is to be done, then of course we will take the opinion of the Members. But at present the information in our hands cannot be divulged. Before anything is done, which will injuriously affect Cochin people, certainly the House will be referred to.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The files which I have referred to here must have been closed by this time.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The question was raised during the period of Mr. P. Narayana Menon, the late Diwan of Cochin and so, it must have been closed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then why not that be placed here?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is more or less an interstatal question. It cannot be divulged at present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Last year, when I put the same question, the answer to me was that it was then too premature to place the papers on the Table.

This objection is not stated here now. Now another objection is stated.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is to avoid giving answers, perhaps.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I think so.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I do not think so; I am sorry.

Well-boring in Trichur.

32. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the exact amount spent in well-boring in Trichur;

(b) the results of the experiment so far conducted?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) Rs. 1,040.

(b) As yet nothing can be definitely said about the prospects of a good supply. The amount placed to the credit of the Department was fully spent and the work has been stopped for the present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do the Government think that well-boring is a failure in Trichur?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is too premature to say whether it will be a failure or it will be a success.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then why the work was stopped altogether?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The reason is given there, that the amount was exhausted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—And no provision is made in the next year?

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Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Money was not allotted by Government, because the owner of the place in which the experiment is done was not for it. The experiment is to be done at his expense. It is he who voluntarily asked to do the experiment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the Government going to continue the work this year also?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—If he gives more money, we might continue the work.

Bus Traffic.

33. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether overloading in the bus was detected by the Diwan near Irinjalakkuda, while camping there in Edavam last; if so, what action was taken in the matter;

(b) the number of cases charged in 1103 for overloading?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes; the conductor was charged before the Magistrate for overloading.

(b) 73.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The conductor was charged before the Magistrate. May I know whether in such cases drivers are also charged?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I am sorry the Member is absent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So you require notice?

President.—The Member concerned is absent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—All the other Government Members are here.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I have no information about this matter.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Government regrets the absence of the Member.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There is a ruling that every Government Member can answer questions put by any non-official Member. So all the Government Members are at liberty to give answers.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—We never expected this contingency; if not, we would have been ready to answer the supplementary question, Sir.

34. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Has the attention of the Government been drawn to several complaints in towns regarding serious harm done to the people by dust owing to heavy bus traffic; if so, whether they have contemplated any remedial measures to prevent dust nuisance?

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